

## REMARKS

The Office Action of May 12, 2010 was received and its contents carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application is requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 6-14, 17-27, 29, 47-50 and 55-59 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 6, 12, 18, 24, 55 and 57 are amended, and claims 7 and 23 are canceled. Consequently, claims 6, 8-14, 17-22, 24-27, 29, 47-50 and 55-59 are currently pending in the instant application.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 23. Claims 6, 12, 18, 24, 55 and 57 are amended herein to include the features of claims 7 and 23. These amendments are made, however, without conceding to the rejections set forth by the Examiner and reserving any and all rights to pursue claims of similar scope prior to the amendments made in this Amendment in a continuing application

Claims 18-19, 22 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Parks (US 5,471,225). Further, claims 6, 8, 11, 47, 55-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parks (US 5,471,225), in view of Runaldue et al. (US 5,325,338); claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parks (US 5,471,225), in view of Runaldue et al. (US 5,325,338), and further in view of Johary et al. (US 5,196,839); claims 12, 14, 17, 20-21, 24, 26-27, 29, 48 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parks (US 5,471,225), in view of Johary et al. (US 5,196,839); and claims 13 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parks (US 5,471,225), in view of Johary et al. (US 5,196,839), and further in view of Yazaki et al. (US 4,850,676). These rejections should be overcome and rendered moot by the above noted amendments to claims 6, 12, 18, 24, 55 and 57 which are amended herein to include the features of claims 7 and 23.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that claims 6, 8-14, 17-22, 24-27, 29, 47-50 and 55-59 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

If a conference would be helpful to facilitate allowance of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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